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In re application of:

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For: AIR CLARIFYING APPARATUS  
AND AIR CLARIFYING METHOD

Art Unit: --

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified PCT application which is now entering the U.S.  
National Stage pursuant to 35 USC 371 as follows: